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DAVENPORT AUTOMATIC SCREW MACHINE PRODUCTS AND S A E TUBE FITTINGS

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December 23, 1983

Department of Natural Resources
Water Resources Commission
Bureau of Water Quality Division
P.O. Box 30028
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Dear Commissioners:

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As required by Michigan Water Resource Commission General Rules Part 5, R323.1164 "Pollution Incident Report", Davis Manufacturing Company with this letter, is notifying the commission of a spill of trichlorethylene at its 930 Livernois, Troy, Michigan operations.

On December 9, 1983, at approximately 8:30 p.m., a discharge of trichlorethylene vapor from a vent located on the plant roof occurred. This incident was caused by the failure of cooling equipment associated with a vapor degreaser used at the plant. Local fire and police departments were summoned to the scene as the incident progressed. A two block area down wind of the plant was evacuated for 2-1/2 hours as a precautionary measure. Fire fighters hosed the vapor cloud down onto the street and then flushed the material into nearby sewers. None of the estimated 22 gallons of trichlorethylene associated with the incident were recovered. We are aware of no injuries as a result of this event.

Davis is currently investigating the cause of the incident and measures have been taken to prevent the reoccurrence of such an event.

Should you have further questions on this incident, please do not hesitate to contact me at Davis Manufacturing.

Sincerely,

Steve Haydu
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Plant Manager

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